

OSU Physician Bios: Rajiv Chandawarkar, MD

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- Video: Meet Rajiv Chandawarkar
- OSU web profile: Chandawarkar
- OSU plastic surgery bio: Chandawarkar

Notes/Questions:

- None

Physician Name

Rajiv Chandawarkar, MD

Gender

Male

Personal Narrative

I'm the Director of Plastic Surgery at The Ohio State University Hospital East, specializing in reconstructive microsurgery and limb preservation, with a goal of preventing amputations in patients with complex wounds in their extremities. I am also proud to be a part of the cancer program at the OSUCCC—James, where we perform reconstructions for patients with breast cancer and other cancers affecting the neck or limbs.

Based on my training in India, I believe we must go beyond merely providing a service to patients. My goal is to truly connect with them, and become part of their lives so that I know them at a deeper level. That way, my work for each patient is personalized and mutually rewarding.

In the past, I completed a research fellowship in head and neck oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and a microsurgical reconstructive surgery fellowship at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. I have contributed to more than 65 publications, written several book chapters, and I hold 17 U.S. patents. I've been a member of several NIH Grant Review

Panels, and was on the editorial board for the *Journal of Surgical Research* until 2014.

Knowing that we make a difference in patients' lives at the OSUCCC-James, especially as we get to know them personally, is the most rewarding part of my work.